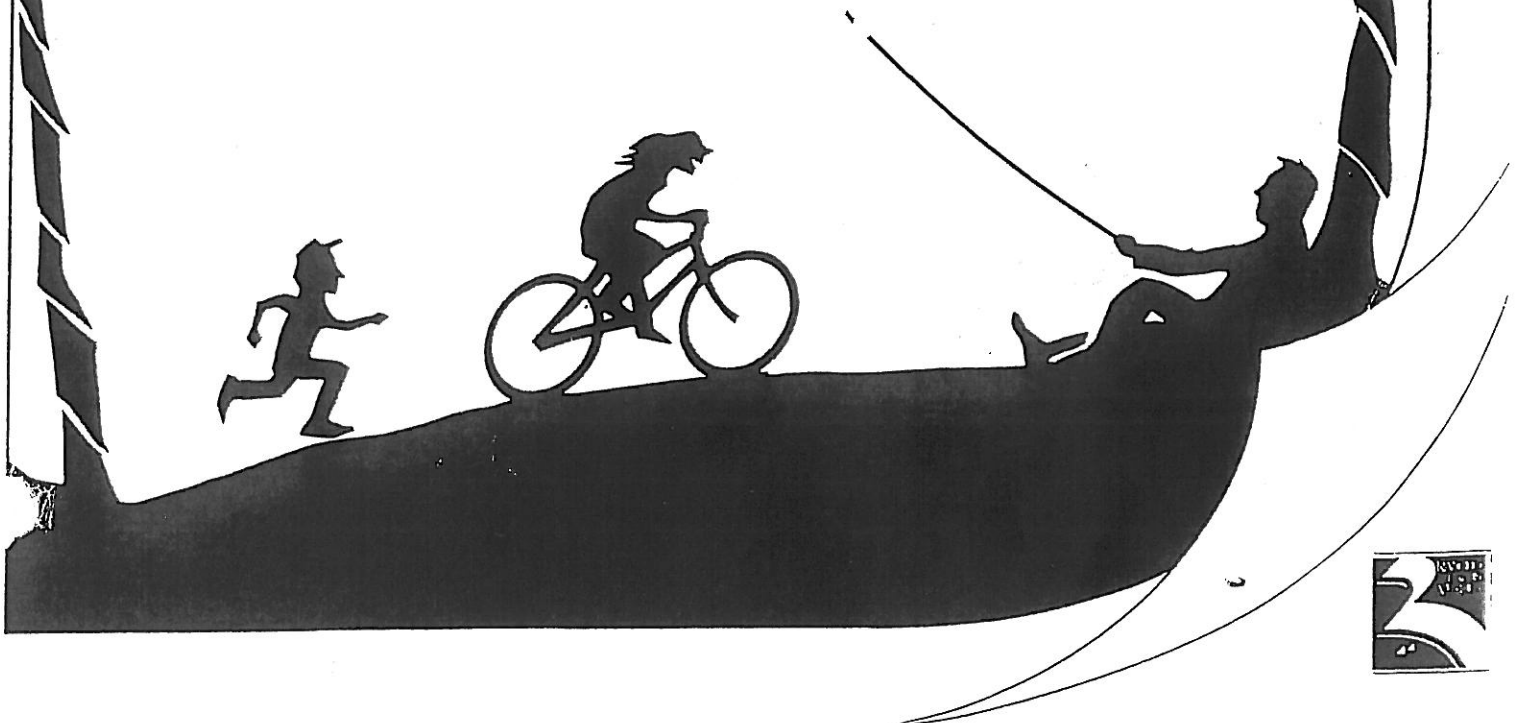


The City of Rancho Palos Verdes

RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

PARKS
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October 17, 1989

PARKS MASTER PLAN REVISION

INTRODUCTION:

The City Council approved the creation of an ad-hoc citizens committee at its November 15, 1988 meeting, and directed that the Parks Master Plan be updated. The Committee was appointed and was directed to consider community needs for recreation sites and facilities without considering how the projects might be funded. Staff was directed to develop a prioritized three year capital improvement program, considering in the financial implications existing fund balances dedicated to park improvements and future revenue resources.

The Parks Master Plan Review Committee and staff completed their work and the City Council adopted the revisions to the Parks Master Plan by Resolution #89-99 on October 17, 1989.

PROCESS:

The fifteen member Committee convened for the first time in late February, 1989. The Committee was divided into three sub-committees of five members each, and each was assigned a region of the City to study with regard to park and recreation needs. The regions were: Westside, Coastal and Eastside. Over the next six months, the Committee held thirteen regular meetings and several meetings each of the three sub-committees.

Staff provided the Committee with documents and excerpts from documents which would provide a history and overview of parks and parks related development, policies and issues. Additionally, staff took the Committee members on a van tour of all of the City's developed and undeveloped parklands as well as those developed parks and parklands in adjacent cities.

The recommendations formulated by the Committee were an amalgamation of input from the community gathered in the following manner, and also included the recommendations of the sub-committees.

Citizen Survey: A recreation intern from California State University Long Beach Leisure Studies Department Masters Degree Program worked with staff and the Committee to develop a Needs Assessment Survey, which was then printed and distributed by mail to each home in Rancho Palos Verdes. Eleven hundred eighty seven surveys were completed and returned, providing a 6% representation response. An analysis and conclusions drawn by the intern and the master's program class from the survey were provided for the Committee. (See Appendix 1)

Public Workshops: A public workshop was convened in each of the three regions of the City. Staff prepared and presented a slide show to familiarize those in attendance with City parks and parklands. Public testimony was taken in each instance and those who testified provided sound input.

Special Interest Groups: Invitations were issued to appear before the Committee to voice their needs and concerns to thirty-six special interest groups. Testimony was taken from representatives of Friends of Point Vicente Interpretive Center, AYSO Regions X, XI, and XII, the Chinese Community, and the Wallace Radio Ranch Foundation. Testimony was also taken from the Assistant Director at Ladera Linda Community Center regarding staff suggestions for Portuguese Bend Fields improvements.

Written Correspondence: Community groups and individual citizens provided written input for the Committee.

Homeowner's Associations: Homeowner's Associations were contacted by mail, asking that park and recreation needs in the City be discussed at their meetings and the information be forwarded to the City in writing or through attendance at the public workshops.

Individual Contacts: Committee members solicited information from the public on an individual basis.

Additionally considered in the Committee's deliberations were standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association and those adopted in Park Study II as they related to the inventory of facilities and amenities present in City and other agency owned parks and parklands.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee prepared the following recommendations for park development in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The recommendations are prioritized as follows:

Immediate: Those acquisitions and developments which should take place as soon as financing is available.

Class A: Acquisitions or development projects which are recommended to be accomplished within the next two years.

Class B: Acquisitions or development projects which are recommended to be accomplished within the next five years.

Class C: Acquisitions and development which should be accomplished as funding becomes available.

The Committee's recommendations were not classified within the priority categories as they felt that Council should have the prerogative to select projects from any of the classifications which would fit available funding or needs perceived at the time funding became available.

PARKS MASTER PLAN REVISION

CLASSIFICATION: IMMEDIATE

- * **Acquire the Miraleste Elementary School Site** from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and develop it as a community park. Site amenities should include:

- a tot lot/play area
- picnic tables
- a recreation center (existing buildings if feasible)
- a fenced turf area located away from P.V. Drive East
- resurfacing the existing tennis courts

- ↓ * **Narbonne Avenue Right-of-Way: (Southern Lot)** Delete from the Parks Master Plan. Designate revenue from the sale of the lot for park development.
- * **Develop a Senior Citizens Center at Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center.**
- * **Purchase the Portuguese Bend Fields site** from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.
- ↓ * **Develop an Educational Center at Point Vicente Interpretive Center.**
- ↓ * **Install safety railing at the bluff edge along the trail easement across tract 39672 and provide for access to the trail from Vanderlip Park.**
- ↓ * **Install safety fencing just below the bluff at Del Cerro Park** to restrict access to the canyon below without blocking the view.
- ↓ * **Acquire the Shoreline County Park site** from the County of Los Angeles if it is declared surplus.
- * **Develop the Westmont Avenue Park site as a passive park, to open July, 1990.**

CLASSIFICATION: A

PORTUGUESE BEND FIELDS:

- * **Add a permanent group picnic pavilion, shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits.**
- * **Add barbecue pits near the picnic structure.**
- * **Add water fountains and a water outlet only if a group picnic shelter is constructed.**
- * **Add a small building with public restrooms, office and storage similar to that being constructed at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park.**

DEL CERRO PARK:

- * **Add a permanent restroom facility.**
- * **Add a tot lot and play equipment.**
- * **Add a pedestrian trail connecting the bluff top area with the parking lot.**

GRANDVIEW PARKSITE:

- * **Install a parking lot and provide for vehicular and pedestrian access.**

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK

- * **~~Pave paths from the parking~~ lot accessing the picnic tables along the bluff above Abalone Cove.**

PT. VICENTE PARK/CIVIC CENTER AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER

- * **Build a municipal golf course at Point Vicente Park which will wrap around existing and proposed park facilities and utilize neighboring privately held property to give it the proper size to be a championship course. Residents of Rancho Palos should be given priority as to starting times and fees.**

- * **Add interpretive signage** on the grounds at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.
- * **Obtain an agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard** for access to the lighthouse to conduct docent-led tours.
- * **Add irrigation, turf and fencing** to the athletic field partially completed at Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center.

CLASSIFICATION: B

POINT VICENTE PARK/CIVIC CENTER:

- * **Add a public restroom facility.**
- * **Construct two paddle tennis courts.**
- * **Add pedestrian paths** throughout the property.
- * **Construct a permanent amphitheater** with tiered semi-circular bench seating with backs.

LOWER HESSE PARK:

- * **Construct four to eight regulation tennis courts, permanent restrooms and parking.** The remainder of the area to be landscaped as an open, passive greenbelt.

GRANDVIEW PARK:

- * **Improve into a cultivated, passive open space** with a small tot lot and restrooms and five to ten picnic sites in the bowl below the bluff-top plateau.

POLICIES,

GOALS, and

RECOMMENDATIONS

CLASSIFICATION: C

LADERA LINDA/PORTUGUESE BEND FIELDS:

- * **Improve the middle and upper parking lots as needed.**
- * **Regrade and pave the access road between the lower and middle parking lots.**
- * **Add benches for casual seating facing the ocean.**
- * **Provide for landscaping as necessary**

DEL CERRO PARK:

- * **Add five to ten picnic tables near the grove of trees below the bluff top area.**

SWITCHBACKS:

- * **Leave as natural open space.**

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK:

- * **Defer all future development of Abalone Cove Shoreline Park pending completion of the RDA project.**

VANDERLIP PARK:

- * **Leave as is.**

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Committee feels strongly that additional soccer facilities are needed in the community and recommends that staff continue to explore the option of City renovation of soccer fields on school grounds and providing maintenance of selected existing fields in lieu of constructing new fields at much greater expense.

Miraleste High School is currently the only facility on the eastside with a large public meeting room, a public pool, a football field, track, gymnasium, etc. Therefore, much recreation is provided to the community by Miraleste High School which cannot be replaced. The future status of the school is uncertain at this point, but in the event it is closed and offered for sale by the School District, the City should consider purchase of at least some of the recreational facilities located there. In the event the site is offered for lease, the City should use its influence to ensure that the lessee continues to make the site's recreational facilities available to the public.



**Parks Master Plan
Policies, Goals and Recommendations**

I. POLICY: The City should attempt to preserve or acquire as much open space as is practical.

A. GOAL: To continue to acquire available surplus public lands.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Actively monitor the availability of surplus public lands;
2. Prioritize available public lands as to those beneficial to the Rancho Palos Verdes Park System;
3. Relate these lands to the financial means available for acquisition;
4. Pursue acquisition of surplus lands through the appropriate government agencies;
5. Continue negotiations with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District to acquire surplus school sites in areas with parkland deficiencies. If sites are purchased, provide the District a repurchase option;
6. Acquire Point Vicente Coast Guard site should it become available.

B. GOAL: To preserve open space in the slide area through regulatory measures.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. Continue zoning which provides for open space;

8. Continue to seek arrangements with owners for access and passive use of the area;
9. Determine the type and suitability of a park in the coastal zone east of Inspiration Point.

C. GOAL: To acquire additional undeveloped parcels within tracts and developed neighborhoods to be used for local play areas and vest pocket parks which may be developed at the option of the neighborhoods.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

10. Survey each neighborhood in the City and prepare an inventory of suitable undeveloped lots within tracts;
11. Acquire desired parcels by means of donations;
12. Encourage local neighborhoods to develop this type of park;
13. Encourage scout groups, garden clubs, neighborhoods, or other community groups to 'adopt' these types of parks as on-going service projects;
14. Retain overall City responsibility for coordination of volunteer and/or City maintenance;
15. Reserve the right to sell each parcel at a later date should it become advisable.

II. POLICY: The City should actively seek to influence the development of recreation lands and facilities.

A. GOAL: To influence the development of public lands on the Peninsula that are controlled by other public agencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

16. Identify and inventory these sites;
17. Maintain open channels of communication with those jurisdictions having control of public lands within the Peninsula;
18. Establish early involvement in any plans for development;
19. Encourage the formation of a four-city recreation coordinating committee, including representatives from the various Parks and Recreation Commissions or Committees and the Director of Recreation or a representative from each agency.
20. Seek an arrangement with the County of Los Angeles granting review rights over all County development of lands within the City and the Peninsula, with particular emphasis on Palos Verdes Shoreline Park, Friendship Park and South Coast Regional Park to be located on the Peninsula landfill.

B. GOAL: To develop one active recreation site in the Miraleste area of the City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

21. Proceed with negotiations and feasibility study of acquisition of the Miraleste Elementary School site from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District;
22. If acquisition is successful, proceed with design of an active recreation site in fiscal year 1989-90;
23. If feasible, continue the leases of the current tenants on the site on a month-to-month basis to off-set the cost of maintenance during the design process.

C. GOAL: To develop a passive recreation site on the

Sanitation Districts' Westmont Avenue site.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 24. Finalize the contract with the Sanitation Districts by September 5, 1989;
- 25. Begin construction by March 1, 1990;
- 26. Conduct dedication ceremony by July 1, 1990.

D. GOAL: To continue to ensure provision of adequate park maintenance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 27. Continue to follow established standards for provision of adequate park maintenance;
- 28. Continue to implement established controls on user agreements to assure that areas are kept clean;
- 29. ~~Continue to provide for user-fees in conformance with established policies to offset the annual cost of maintenance;~~
- 30. Continue to provide for park maintenance in the City's annual budget.

E. GOAL: To provide appropriate access routes, parking, landscaping, sanitation and utilities on park sites.

- F. GOAL: To provide tennis courts in diverse locations which meet the standards for courts per citizens as provided by the National Recreation and Park Association:**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

31. Continue to utilize all existing courts available in Rancho Palos Verdes and on the Peninsula; assist with upgrade where needed; and coordinate and plan the maintenance of courts with the school district;
32. Consider courts for Hesse Park as the first new court project;
33. Work with developers in the Coastal Zone to provide for public access to courts;
34. Prohibit lighted courts in areas where the lights would cause adverse visual impact;
35. Consider all private and public alternatives for financing;
36. Implement 'private development on public land' policy where feasible;
37. Establish user-fee criteria where appropriate.

- G. GOAL: To provide space for outdoor concerts, stage performances, exhibits, carnivals, fairs, festivals and other assemblages of people.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

38. Provide space for and construct an amphitheatre on the Pt. Vicente/Civic Center Park site;
39. Continue to implement established criteria for identified uses to provide for limited impact upon surrounding neighborhoods;
40. ~~Continue to impose established user-fees to offset the costs of maintenance of these areas.~~

H. **GOAL:** To provide picnic areas at various locations throughout the City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

41. Continue to add picnic facilities at selected parks;
42. Develop an outdoor group barbeque facility, including shelter and tables. Consider Portuguese Bend fields as an appropriate site.

I. **GOAL:** ~~To require green belts or other separations between parks and residential areas to minimize nuisance effect and enhance aesthetic appeal.~~

III. **POLICY:** The City should play a leading role in the development of centers for cultural and community activities.

A. **GOAL:** To continue to support increasing use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

43. Continue to utilize all available public schools on the Peninsula for recreational programs;

44. Continue to implement user-fee programs on these sites to offset the costs of such use;

44. Continue to implement user-fee programs on these sites to offset the costs of such use;
45. Seek an arrangement with the School District to provide for maintenance of selected District soccer fields in lieu of constructing additional City fields. The District to be responsible for providing adequate watering of such fields.

B. GOAL: To support and give priority to the establishment of one or more community centers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

46. Seek to develop a senior citizen center on the Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center Site. Give high priority to acquisition of funding for the center from the Joslyn Foundation;
47. Provide for community meeting places in the design of a new city hall complex;
48. Continue to provide for community meeting places on all park sites where appropriate in accordance with the established policy;
49. Initiate immediate planning for an educational center at Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center:
 - a. provide for display space for the existing and expanded exhibits;
 - b. provide for a library/meeting room/ lounge for the docent organization;
 - c. provide adequate office space;
 - d. provide one or more classrooms for educational programs;

- e. provide for a large multi-purpose room for community functions, banquets and weddings;
- f. provide for kitchen facilities;
- g. provide adequate storage;
- h. site the building to take the best advantage of view and coastline access;
- i. provide for a schedule of facility-use fees which would offset the costs of operation and maintenance of the facility;
- j. convert the existing facility into a gift shop;
- k. seek outside funding for design, construction and equipment from coastal developers, Friends of Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center, and State, Federal or private foundation grants.

IV. POLICY: The City should continue to encourage and support privately operated recreation facilities.

- A. GOAL: To support the development and expansion of private and commercial recreation facilities in areas that do not significantly interfere with residential communities.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

50. Declare an open invitation to receive proposals from private and commercial developers for development of needed recreational amenities on public lands in accordance with the adopted 'Private Development on Public Lands' policy;

51. Establish criteria for such facilities which will assure their aesthetic and functional value to the community;
52. Provide for priority or reduced fee usage for residents of Rancho Palos Verdes.

V. POLICY: The City should develop plans to preserve natural, geographical, archaeological, historical, and other unique sites.

A. GOAL: To inventory these sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

53. Undertake identification of these sites and write a synopsis of the significance of each along with recommendations for its preservation;
54. Initiate a City ordinance to protect unique geological and archaeological sites from desecration and vandalism.

B. GOAL: Designate unique sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

55. Except archaeological sites, provide markers, walkways, signs, etc., which would enable the public to view, yet realize and appreciate the significance of what the site represents;
56. Encourage civic groups to undertake site designation as a service project.

C. GOAL: To institute special ordinances to prevent construction on or destruction of these sites.

D. GOAL: To acquire first right of purchase of these sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 59. Determine ownership and open negotiations for donation or purchase of selected sites;
- 60. Continue work with the Wallace Radio Ranch Foundation to complete the development of a commemorative park and museum on the Wallace Antenna Farm property.

E. GOAL: To develop roadside stops at scenic sites.

- 61. Work with developers in the coastal zone to provide for vista points with safe access;
- 62. Review each proposed tract map to determine feasibility of vista points and provide for them;
- 63. Include in the development of all City parklands provisions for vista points.

VI. POLICY: The City should improve transportation options by developing a system of trails and paths.

- A. GOAL: To develop foot and bicycle pathways linking neighborhoods with shopping areas, schools and recreational sites.**
- B. GOAL: To develop bicycle, jogging and footpaths along the coastline.**
- C. GOAL: To develop hiking trails or paths in the City to provide for access where the terrain is rugged.**
- D. GOAL: To develop equestrian trails that link with those in other Peninsula cities.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

62. Coordinate the Parks and Recreation Goals with the General Plan and the Coastal Specific Plan;
63. Continue work by the Trails Committee to develop the City's Trails Network Plan including:
 - a. siting of trails segments for pedestrian, equestrian, bicyclist and mountain bicyclist;
 - b. recommend trail development standards;
 - c. a priority listing of trails segments;
 - d. development of an implementation process;
 - e. development of a safety and signage program;
 - f. development of maintenance standards;
 - g. proposals for funding options and resources for construction and maintenance of trails.
64. Provide for tract map review on each development project by the Trails Committee to site appropriate trail amenities and easements;
65. Provide for development of trails across new tracts as conditions of approval;
66. Integrate recommended bicycle path construction with new road construction;
67. Coordinate linkage of bicycle paths and trails with other Peninsula cities;

68. Establish protective measures at all points of trail or pathway access which will protect the marine, geologic and historic environments;
69. Retain equestrian trails in areas that are appropriately zoned, and on trails which connect equestrian zones;
70. Seek funding for trails development from all available appropriate resources.

VII. POLICY: The City should use various sources for funding the acquisition and operation of parks and recreation lands and facilities.

- A. GOAL: To establish and use specific revenue resources for development of parks and recreation facilities.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

71. Continue to designate revenue from the Environmental Excise Tax Fund for the exclusive purpose of parks development;
72. Utilize coastal in lieu fees where appropriate for the development of parks in the coastal zone;
73. Continue to designate surplus revenue from Abalone Cove Shoreline Park fees to provide for development of that site;
74. Continue to designate Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center gift shop net profit for development, enhancement and repairs to the exhibits.

- B. GOAL: To require builders and developers to provide lands or funds for the acquisition of lands.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

75. Obtain suitable land in preference to funds in the application of the Quimby Act.

- C. **GOAL: To be consistent in seeking outside funding for the development of parks and recreation lands and facilities.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

76. Monitor actively the availability of suitable grant funding from Federal, State, County, Local and private foundation resources;
77. Assign a member of the Recreation and Parks staff to research and prepare applications for grants.

- D. **GOAL: To encourage gifts of land, money and equipment for parks and recreation use.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

78. Continue to seek financial assistance from local charitable, civic and special interest organizations for the development and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities and programs;
79. Update the 'gifts for parks' program and re-issue the brochure during fiscal year 1989-90.

- E. **GOAL: To charge user-fees for the use of recreation facilities and programs where practical, appropriate and fair.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

80. **Revise the 'Facility Use Policy and Fee Schedule' during fiscal year 1989-90 and bi-annually thereafter.**

81. Complete a fiscal analysis of Recreation Program fees and expenditures and revise formulas, class offerings, and pay rates as appropriate to increase revenue during fiscal year 1989-90.

VIII. POLICY: The City should continue to a) encourage developers and landholders to preserve land as open space; and b) encourage developers and landholders to include land for recreational use in their development plans.

IX. POLICY: The City should encourage local citizens to participate to the maximum extent possible in the planning, development, maintenance and operation of recreation lands and facilities and programs.

- A. GOAL:** To utilize the resources and talents of community organizations and local citizens in the planning, development, maintenance and operation of recreation lands, facilities and programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

82. Re-establish a Recreation and Parks Committee to:
- a. serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters of Park Planning;
 - b. consider those items referred to the Committee by the City Council or staff;
 - c. provide for a public forum for the City Council in matters involving park development and related issues;
 - d. review, comment and recommend on Capital Improvement Programs pertaining to parks and recreation facilities;
 - e. provide for review of proposed developments for the determination of parkland dedication.

- 83. Continue to develop appropriate organizations affiliated with the Department of Recreation and Parks to provide volunteer opportunities which will enhance programs, facilities and the ability to acquire lands, develop and maintain facilities and maintain and expand programs;
- 84. Establish parks and recreation ad hoc committees throughout the community to assist with park and recreation planning as appropriate.

X. POLICY: The City should support all methods at its disposal to provide for the beautification of public places.

- A. GOAL: To establish and implement an "Art in Public Places Program" by February 1, 1990.**
- B. GOAL: To seek revenue resources outside the City budget to provide for art in public places.**
- C. GOAL: To set as conditions for major developments, the installation of art in public places.**

XI. POLICY: The city shall have a separate and distinct Recreation and Parks Department.

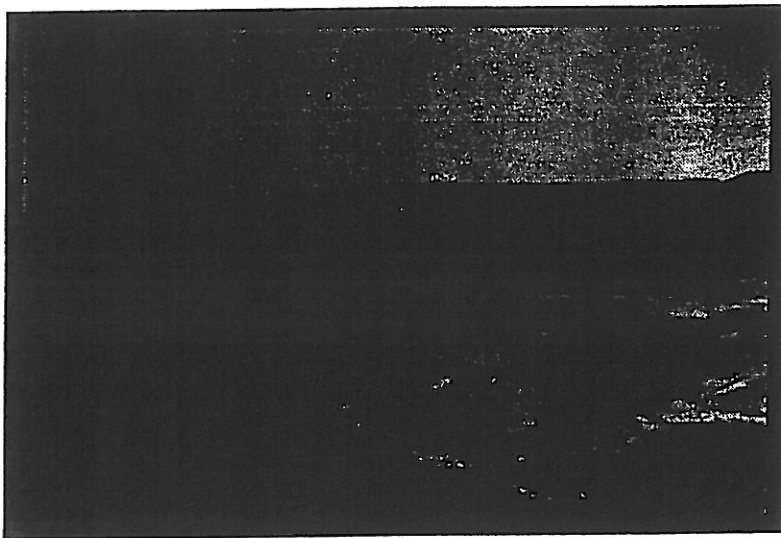
MISSION: It shall be the purpose of the Department of Recreation and Parks to develop and implement recreation programs, facilities, and activities focusing on the pursuit of a meaningful use of leisure time and the improvement of the quality of life for all residents of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

- A. GOAL: To practice and communicate the philosophy that recreation means any activity, voluntarily engaged in, which allows for the education, entertainment, and physical, mental, cultural or moral development of any participant or observer which leads to an advanced feeling of self-worth.**

- B. **GOAL:** To develop continuous and expanding programs which are responsive to the needs and desires of the community, and provide both structured and drop-in programs for all ages in as many areas of interest as possible; at the same time providing for those who wish to avail themselves of City facilities on a self-directed basis.
- C. **GOAL:** To develop, expand, change, curtail or eliminate operations to provide equal recreation opportunities for all citizens of Rancho Palos Verdes.
- D. **GOAL:** To participate in the process of facility development to provide those which are properly designed for the proposed use; aesthetically pleasing; cost efficient; and provide for effective and responsible stewardship of public funds.
- E. **GOAL:** To keep abreast of trends and changes that affect the level of service and type of programming and facility needs.
- F. **GOAL:** To be sensitive to and cooperative with other service providing agencies to avoid duplication of effort and ensure maximum public benefit.
- G. **GOAL:** To establish and maintain 'user-friendly' policies, practices and procedures that afford the public a maximum opportunity for enjoyment of City facilities and programs while providing for the most effective management of facilities and personnel.
- H. **GOAL:** To be constantly aware of pending legislation and make recommendations to the City Council to support or oppose those which would impact Park and Recreation opportunities in the City.
- I. **GOAL:** To conduct the Department's business in a manner which will provide recognition as a highly ethical and responsible organization among employees, taxpayers, suppliers, governmental and private agencies, the press and the public.

- J. **GOAL:** To actively seek new ways to reduce operating expenses, and to monitor constantly and consistently revenues and expenditures to prevent deficit spending.
- K. **GOAL:** To provide a consistent vehicle for expanded services by seeking opportunities for joint ventures with other agencies.
- L. **GOAL:** To maintain an operating climate that will attract and retain the most qualified and competent of employees and contribute to their continuing growth and commitment to the citizens of Rancho Palos Verdes and to the Recreation Profession.
- M. **GOAL:** To develop and provide continuing training and evaluation to provide for the optimum development of department personnel.
- N. **GOAL:** To foster a climate wherein innovation is an acceptable and encouraged practice, and staff is recognized and rewarded for their contributions to the quality of life of the residents of Rancho Palos Verdes.
- O. **GOAL:** To provide a consistent and effective risk management system for participants and employees alike.
- P. **GOAL:** To provide a cooperative environment with other City Departments to positively affect park development, maintenance and operations.
- Q. **GOAL:** To provide a ready resource for assistance in all aspects of the delivery of City services and programs.

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DESCRIPTIONS



ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park is located at 5970 Palos Verdes Drive South and features two beaches (Abalone and Sacred Coves), tidepools, bluff top viewing areas and trails crisscrossing the area. The park contains a State Ecological Preserve and taking of protected animals and marinelif is prohibited. Abalone Cove Beach is staffed by a lifeguard year-around.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size: 80 acres (10 developed)
100,000 square feet of tidepools, 6681 linear feet of beach front. Abalone Cove Beach: 36.84 acres, Sacred Cove: 39.55 acres.

Orientation: South facing

Slopes: Steep bluffs in some areas

Access: Direct access to parking lot off of Palos Verdes Dr. South. Access to Abalone Cove Beach is by a long trail from the parking lot. To access Sacred Cove, users must walk along Palos Verdes Drive South to one of two trails between Portuguese and Inspiration Points.

Vegetation: Native with limited introduced vegetation.

Views: Spectacular ocean and island views.

Utilities: Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989): Lifeguard station, parking lot, chemical toilets, ticket booth, pre-school building, play equipment and covered patio.

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Redevelopment Agency.
Transferred to the RDA as a part of the 1988 Horan Lawsuit settlement.

ACQUISITION COST: \$0

FY 1989-90 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Installation of safety railing on the bluff tops above Abalone Cove and around Portuguese Point; construction of twenty picnic pads, five to be handi-capped accessible; entry sign and landscaping; entry building with office, restrooms, and storage facilities; and enlargement of the parking lot by seventy spaces.

	\$137,000	Abalone Cove Revenues
	<u>100,000</u>	E.E.T. Fund
COST:	\$237,000	Approved April 18, 1989

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

Classification A: Pave paths from the parking lot accessing the picnic tables along the bluff.

Defer all other future development pending completion of the RDA project.

CLOVERCLIFF PARK

Clovercliff Park, located at 28801 Golden Meadow Drive, is a .17 acre vest pocket, passive park. The land was donated to the City by Mr. and Mrs. Chet Mackiewicz and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gehris in June, 1978.

The Mackiewicz's and Gehris' envisioned a landscaped park where residents could enjoy the neighborhood in a peaceful setting.

Clovercliff was developed by the City in 1983 and dedication ceremonies were held on March 24, 1984.



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Orientation: East-west axis

Slopes: To the west

Access: Public streets on east side.

Vegetation: Landscaped in low maintenance plantings with seating available on large rocks.

Views: Distant ocean view

Utilities: Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989) Path, landscaping, irrigation

COST: Acquisition: \$0 Construction: \$19,500 (1983)

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

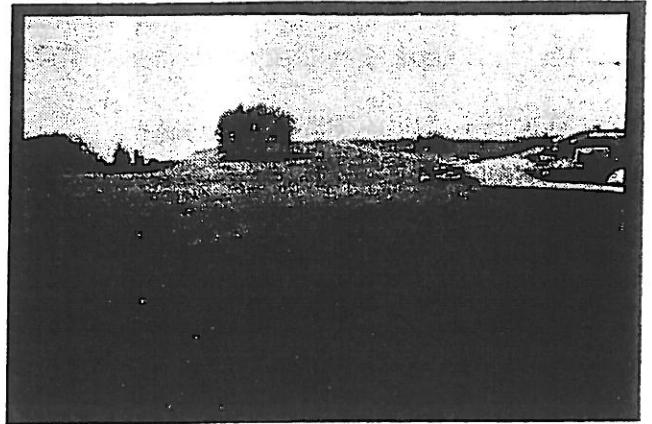
CONSTRAINTS: Deeds limit amenities to walkways and benches.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES: No changes or additions.

DEL CERRO PARK

Del Cerro Park, located at #2 Park Place at the terminus of Crenshaw Boulevard, is a 4.5 acre passive park with outstanding vistas and limited activities.

The site was acquired at no cost from the Federal Government when the radar installation, previously located there, was declared surplus.



The land at Del Cerro Park was originally inhabited by Gabrielino Indians, who had temporary encampments there during part of the year. The Indians left behind stone tools, abalone and other shells, beads and the skeletal remains of one of their members. Artifacts from this site are in possession of the City and some may be seen at Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Orientation:	North-south axis
Slopes:	Flat play area, sloping to a sweeping bluff top
Access:	Access road onto the site from a major boulevard which now dead-ends near the site.
Vegetation:	Landscaped, turf and trees
Views:	Panoramic views of canyons, agriculture, coastal headlands, ocean, and offshore islands.
Utilities:	Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS: Parking lot, landscaping, and irrigation system.

COST: Acquisition: \$0
Improvements: \$39,400 (1983 cost)

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

CONSTRAINTS: Park only (terms of title); limited parking.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

Classification: Immediate	Safety fencing just below the bluff to restrict access to the canyon below without blocking the view.
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Classification: A	Permanent restroom facility Tot lot and play equipment Pedestrian trail connecting the bluff with the parking lot
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Classification: C	Five to ten picnic tables near the grove of trees below the blufftop area.
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EASTVIEW PARK

Eastview Park, at 1700 Westmont Avenue, is a 9.9 acre undeveloped parcel of land owned by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. The parcel is zoned for recreation use.

The City has signed a long-term lease with the Sanitation Districts. Plans for the park have been drawn after much community discussion and input. Construction on the park is scheduled to begin in March, 1990, with a projected dedication date of July 1, 1990.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Orientation:	North frontage on Westmont Drive just east of Western Avenue.
Slopes:	The site is fairly level with Westmont for first 150'-250' then site steps up and has a gentle slope upward along the west and south sides. At south and west property lines is a fairly steep slope back up to adjoining properties.
Access:	From Westmont, existing gated access
Vegetation:	Imported plantings along fence line surrounding the property, some trees.
Views:	None
Utilities:	Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS: None

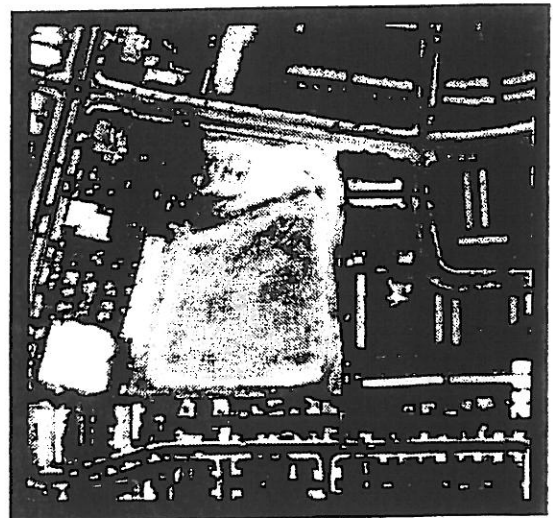
OWNER: Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

CONSTRAINTS:

Area set aside for access to the outfall tunnels beneath the site. The terms of the lease agreement provide for cancellation of the lease in the event the Sanitation Districts must have access to the tunnels for repairs.

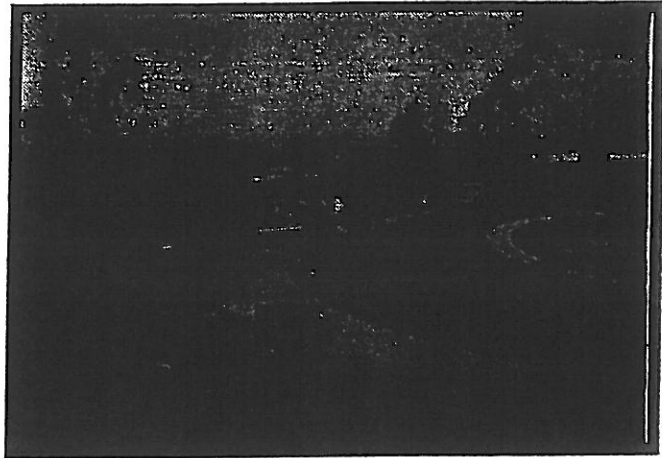
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

Children's playground, permanent restroom, jogging path, picnic facilities, landscaping and irrigation, and an off-street parking lot.



FRED HESSE JR. COMMUNITY PARK

Fred Hesse, Jr. Community Park is located at 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, and is designated an active park. This former High School Site was purchased from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District in 1977.



The facility is named to honor Fred Hesse, Jr. who, even though a resident of Rolling Hills, was active in the incorporation efforts of Rancho Palos Verdes.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	29.4 acres total, 10.4 acres developed.
Orientation:	East-west axis
Slopes:	Gentle with major grade change between the upper and lower areas.
Access:	800' frontage along Hawthorne Blvd. There is an additional point of entry on Locklenna Lane.
Vegetation:	Ten fully landscaped acres. Plantings are of drought tolerant, low maintenance performance species. Four acres of manicured turf.
Views:	Distant sweeping ocean view
Utilities:	Power lines along Hawthorne Blvd.

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989): 10 acres developed with par course, Community Building, playing fields, play equipment, restrooms and parking lot.

COST:

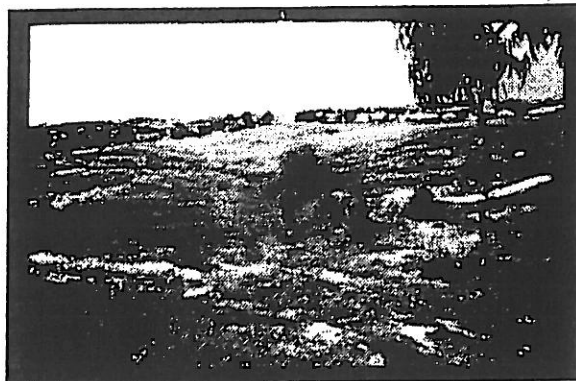
Acquisition	\$ 1,500,000
Development	3,890,773
Total	<u>\$ 5,390,773</u>

OWNER:

City of Rancho Palos Verdes

CONSTRAINTS :

Parcel "4" (c) was purchased with Federal Land and Water grant monies. Development is limited to park use. Development will impact housing along the northern property line. An embankment protects some lots slightly. A steep slope divides the site into two parts. The site has been a designated Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly habitat.

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:**

Classification: B

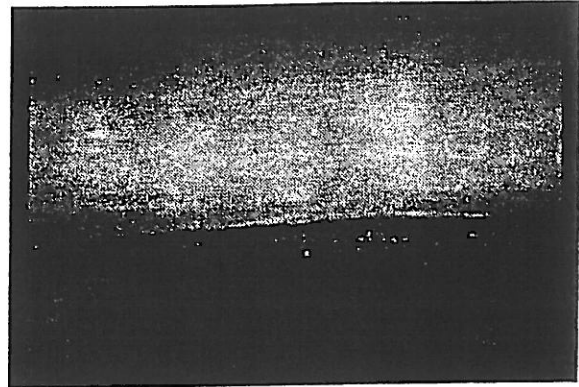
On Lower Hesse, construct four to eight regulation tennis courts, permanent restrooms and parking. The remainder of the area is to be landscaped as a passive, open greenbelt.

GRANDVIEW PARK

Grandview Park is located at 6000 Ironwood Street and has been designated a passive site. The seventeen acre, former intermediate school site, was purchased from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	17 acres
Orientation:	Hilltop and south-facing bowl
Slopes:	5-6 acres of flat area; falls off steeply on three sides.
Access:	80' frontage on arterial between two lots. Dirt road onto the site from western parking lot.
Vegetation:	Natural
Views:	Excellent views of golf course and greenbelt, inland toward Los Angeles, coastline and ocean.
Utilities:	Power lines along swale parallel to western parking lot.



EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS: (1989) None

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes - fee title/from Palos Verdes Unified School District.

CONSTRAINTS: Parking lot ends at base of swales, so that swales cannot be filled to create more usable flat areas on the east. Only one very narrow point of entry from Montemalaga Drive. Development of the site may impact adjacent housing, particularly those fronting on Montemalaga Drive. However, grading the hilltop will possibly improve their views.

ACQUISITION COST: \$175,000

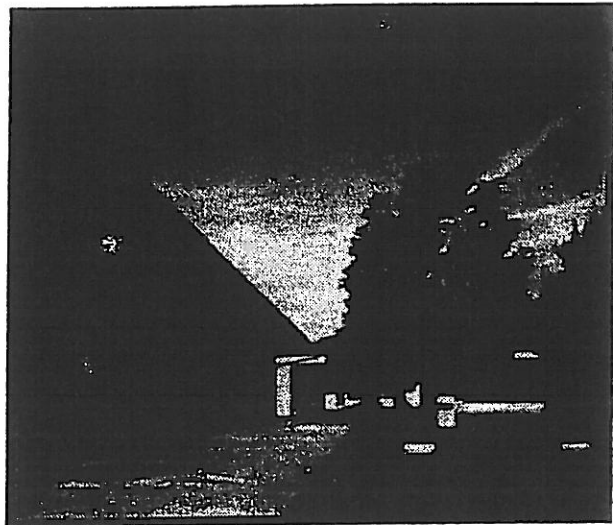
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

Classification: A Install a parking lot and provide for vehicular and pedestrian access.

Classification: B Improve into a cultivated, passive open space with a small tot lot, restrooms and five to ten picnic sites. (tables and pads) in the bowl below the plateau.

LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY CENTER

Ladera Linda Community Center is located at 32201 Forrestal Drive. This former elementary school is designated an Active/Community Park. The property was purchased from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District after much community involvement and input. Payment for the site included a trade of the Loma Del Mar School Site previously purchased by the City and cash paid over a three year period. Purchase was completed in fiscal year 1985-86.



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	11 acres
Orientation:	Northwest-southeast
Slopes:	Stepped areas
Access:	Frontage and access on Forrestal Drive
Vegetation:	Landscaped
Views:	Excellent views of the cliff face, hillsides, coastline, and ocean.
Utilities:	Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989): Classrooms, playground, restrooms, parking lot, paddle tennis courts, par course, basketball courts, soccer and softball fields. Some of the property is leased for commercial satellite dish antennae and telephone



Ladera Linda Community Center is the home of the "Discovery Room". This unique area features live and static exhibits of local flora, fauna and historic information. A cooperative program with the Los Angeles County Museum of history provides for special, 'on-loan' exhibits from their extensive collection.

Staff and volunteers provide educational programs on-site and in local hills and canyons for a large variety of school and youth groups.

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

CONSTRAINTS: Existing development

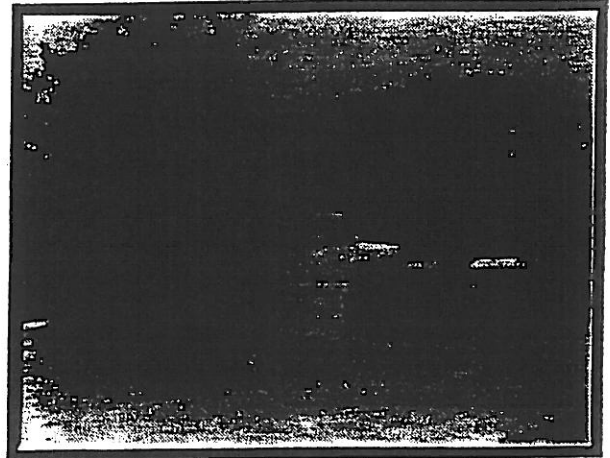
ACQUISITION COST: \$730,000

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

Classification: C Improve the middle and upper parking lots as needed. Regrade and pave the access road between the lower and middle parking lots.

MARTINGALE TRAILHEAD PARK

Martingale Trailhead Park, located at 22 Martingale Drive, is a 1.2 acre site. The park was constructed in 1989. It provides for access to a trails system serving the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates. Both hikers and equestrians utilize this park.



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Orientation: Northwest

Slopes: Flat area fronting the drive, sloping steeply into the canyon at the rear of the property.

Vegetation: Oleanders, California Pepper Tree and native plants.

View: Canyons and hillsides

Utilities: None

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS: Landscaping; a tri-level drinking fountain which serves horses, humans and small animals; a mounting block, seating rock and California Pepper Tree.

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

CONSTRAINTS: None

COSTS: Acquisition: \$46,700 in 1978
Development \$ 5,000

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES: None

POINT VICENTE PARK

Point Vicente Park is a regional recreation facility located on a former Nike Missile Base and rifle range. Point Vicente Park/Civic Center is located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard. Point Vicente Interpretive Center is located at 31501 Palos Verde Drive West. Although originally designated Pt. Vicente Park, the two areas are now treated independently.



The Interpretive Center site totals twenty eight acres, ten of which have been developed. The property is leased from the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors for a fifty-five year period.

Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center occupies seventy one acres. Eight and one quarter acres were purchased outright for a Civic Center. The remaining acreage was deeded to the City at no charge in 1977 by the Federal Government after the Nike Site had been declared surplus property.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	Interpretive Center	28	acres
	Pt. Vicente Park	62.75	acres
	Civic Center	8.25	acres
	Total	99	acres

Orientation: Primarily south-west to south-east facing slopes. The northernmost area of the site east of Palos Verdes Drive West faces northwest.

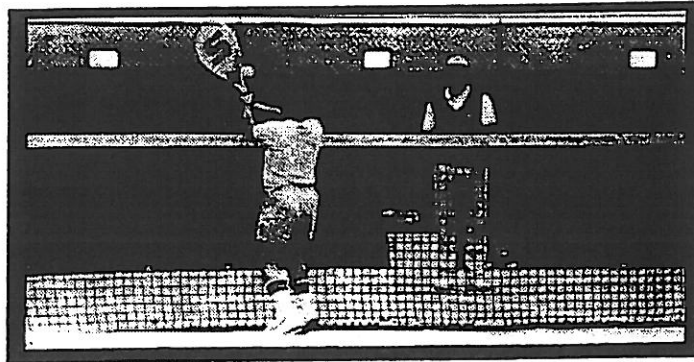
Slopes: Extremely steep slopes and seacliffs account for 50% of the total area of both sites. A relatively flat hilltop at Pt. Vicente/Civic Center is accessible from Hawthorne Blvd.

Vegetation: Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center is landscaped in low maintenance, drought tolerant plantings; introduced trees and limited turf areas. A California Native Plant exhibit is also present.

Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center has limited plantings consisting of introduced trees and shrubs and a small turf area. Native cacti and other natural plants are present throughout the undeveloped portions of the site.

Views:

Panoramic ocean/island views are visible from all parts of the site. Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center has dramatic cliff, cove, shoreline, headland and island views. The Interpretive Center is an ideal location for viewing the migration of the Pacific Gray whale, October thru April each year.



Utilities:

Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989)--Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center:

Tennis courts, grassy quad area, helicopter pad used for model helicopter port. A multi-purpose athletic field is partially completed.

Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center:

Museum, trails, picnic and vista areas, landscaping, turf areas, restrooms and parking lots.

OWNER:

Interpretive Center: The land is owned by the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors. Improvements are City owned.

Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center: City of RPV

CONSTRAINTS: Park use only, ~~program of utilization must be approved by the National Park Service, (except civic center land)~~ under the terms of the deed and lease. Steep slopes are present on the Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center site. The climate is damper and fogger than elsewhere on the Peninsula.

ACQUISITION COSTS: \$0 (formerly Federally owned)

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES: Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center

Classification: Immediate Develop a senior citizens center.

Classification: A Add irrigation, turf, and fencing to the partially completed athletic field.

Classification: B Add a public restroom facility;
Construct two paddle tennis courts;
Add pedestrian paths throughout the property. Construct a permanent amphitheatre with tiered, semi-circular bench seating with backs.

Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center

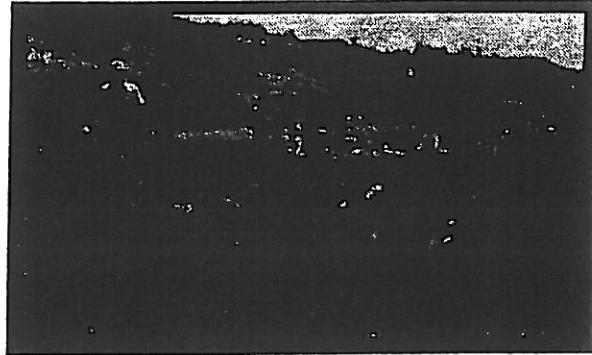
Classification A: Develop an educational center; add interpretive signage; and obtain an agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard for access to the lighthouse to conduct docent led tours.

On Both Sites: Build a municipal golf course which will wrap around existing and proposed park facilities and utilize neighboring privately held property to give it the proper size to be a championship course. Rancho Palos Verdes residents should be given priority as to starting times and fees.



PORTUGUESE BEND FIELDS

The Portuguese Bend Fields are located at 32201 Forrestal Drive and are functionally attached to Ladera Linda Community Center. The 21.9 acre facility is designated an active site and features softball and soccer as well as major special events and corporate picnics.



The acreage is the property of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and has been held by the City under a lease whose terms ran through 1991. The City was notified in 1988 that the District had declared the property surplus and was exercising the cancellation clause present in the lease. The City currently continues to utilize the property, and is in discussions with the District to purchase the property.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	21.9 acres
Orientation:	Facing south-west
Slopes:	Flat, graded terraces bounded by steep sides.
Access:	Marginally surfaced road leading to the playing fields from Intrepid Drive. The main access point is at the upper terrace to the north end of Forrestal Drive through a security gate. Pedestrian access is available from Ladera Linda Community Center.
Vegetation:	Turf and some native plantings
Views:	Excellent 360 degree views of cliff face, flanking hillsides, coastline, Long Point, ocean, and off-shore islands.
Utilities:	Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989): Softball diamond, backstop and dugouts; soccer fields with permanent and practice goals, irrigation system, portable restroom facilities and parking lot.

OWNER: Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

CONSTRAINTS:

Lease through 1991 with 30 day cancellation clause. Cancellation clause has been exercised. Wind - which is mitigated to some extent by uphill cliffs.

ACQUISITION COST:

To be determined.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:**Classification: Immediate**

Purchase this site from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Classification: A

Add a permanent group picnic pavilion, shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits; add barbecue pits near picnic structure; add water fountains and water outlet only if group picnic shelter is constructed; add a small building with public restrooms, office and storage similar to that being constructed at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park.

Classification: C

Add benches for casual seating facing the ocean; provide for landscaping as necessary.

RANCHO PALOS VERDES PARK

Rancho Palos Verdes Park is an eleven acre neighborhood park located at 30359 Hawthorne Boulevard. The park was constructed during 1968 and 1969 by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Upon the incorporation of the City, title to the park was transferred to the City.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

SIZE: 11 ACRES

Orientation: East-west

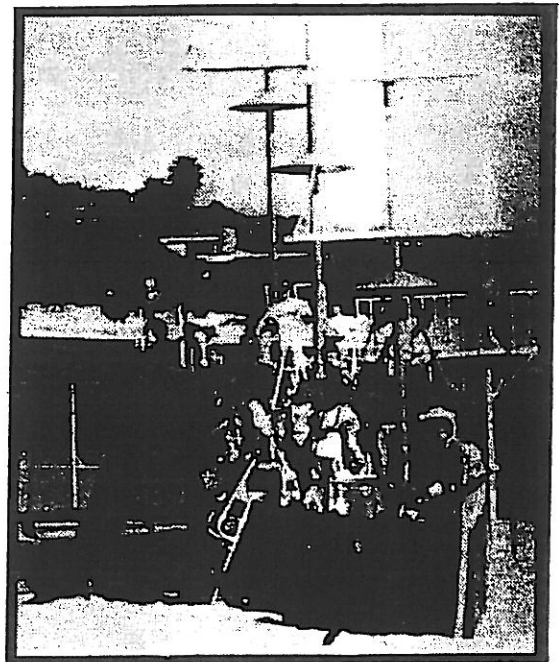
Slopes: Graded terraces

Access: Driveway access and frontage on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Vegetation: Landscaped: imported trees, low maintenance plantings, turf.

Views: Excellent ocean views.

Utilities: Available



EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989): Community building, play equipment, picnic and grassy areas, restrooms, parking lot, and baseball diamond.

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

CONSTRAINTS: Park only (deed restriction) and limited parking.

ACQUISITION COST: \$0

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES: None

"SWITCHBACKS"

The Switchbacks are located on the inland side of Palos Verdes Drive South, flanking Palos Verdes Drive East. This 94.15 acres of land was acquired in satisfaction of the Quimby Act.

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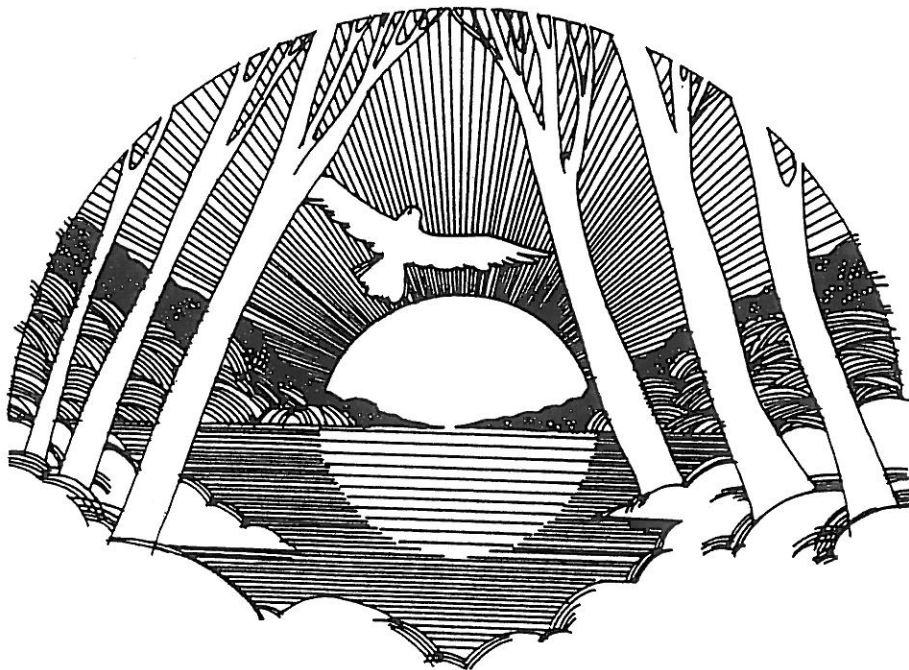
Orientation:	South facing
Slopes:	Steep
Access:	Informal pullouts off Palos Verdes Drive East which bisects property
Vegetation:	Native
Views:	Spectacular ocean and island views

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (1989): None

CONSTRAINTS: Unstable land, open space hazard zoning, limited access.

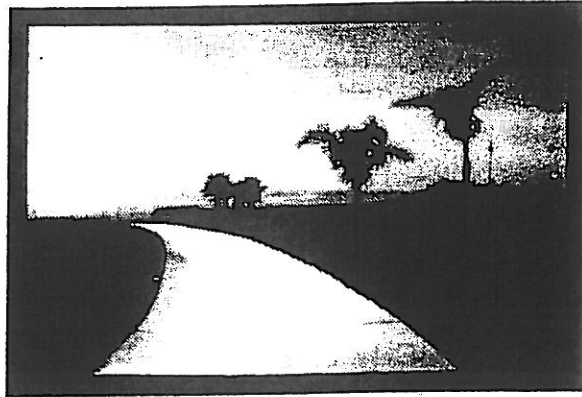
ACQUISITION COST: \$0

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES: Leave as natural open space.



FRANK A. VANDERLIP, SR. PARK

Frank A. Vanderlip, Sr. Park is a .48 acre passive/view park located at 6500 Seacove. The park was constructed in satisfaction of the Quimby Act in conjunction with a development located across Seacove.



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	.48 Acres
Orientation:	north south axis
Slopes:	Flat with steep bluff
Access:	Between two lots, adjacent to wide residential street
Landscaped:	Low maintenance vegetation, no turf
Views:	Ocean, headlands and island views
Utilities:	Available
EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS:	Bike path, benches, railing, landscape improvements and irrigation system
COST:	\$100,000+ (by developer)
OWNER:	City of Rancho Palos Verdes
CONSTRAINTS:	Park only (Quimby); no on-site parking
ACQUISITION COST:	\$0
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:	Install safety railing at the bluff edge along the trail easement across Tract 39672 and provide for access from Vanderlip Park.

DON C. WALLACE RADIO RANCH MUSEUM

The Don C. Wallace Radio Ranch Museum will be located on the site of Mr. Wallace's former radio antenna farm, near the corner of Armaga Springs Road and Highridge. The site was the location of the most famous amateur radio station in the world; the World War II Pacific Theatre news was received there. This area of the Palos Verdes hills is coveted by many radio services as a base to reach California, the USA, and the world.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Size:	32,000 square feet
Orientation:	East west axis
Access:	Access road from Armaga Springs Road
Vegetation:	None
Views:	Coastal views will be partially blocked by adjacent development.
Utilities:	Available

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS: None

COST: Acquisition: \$0 (Quimby funds)

OWNER: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

CONSTRAINTS: Development of museum hinges upon Wallace Museum Foundation success at fund raising for development, operation, and maintenance costs

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES: Unspecified



CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES Park Amenities Resources Inventory

	Barbecue(s)/Grills	Basketball	Childrens Play Area	Community Building	Drinking Fountains	Handicapped Access	Multi-purpose Field	Ocean View	Off street parking	Pathways	Parcourse	Passive Park	Pallo Area(s)	Picnic Tables	Public Phone	Public Restrooms	Soccer Field(s)	Softball/Baseball	Tennis/Pickle Tennis
Abalone Cove Shoreline Preserve 5970 P.V. Drive South 377-1222			X			F		X	150 +	F			X	F		F			
Clovercliff Park 28801 Golden Meadow Drive										X		X							
Del Cerro Park #2 Park Place			F				X	X	20			X		F		F			
Fred Hesse Park 22301 Hawthorne Blvd. -8114	10		X	X	X	X	X	X	101 +	X	X		X	17	X	X +	1	1	F
Ladera Linda Community Center 32201 Forrestal Drive 541-7073		X	X	X	X	X	X		40		X			3	X	X	1	1	PT
Point Vicente Interpretive Center 31501 P.V. Drive West 377-5370				X	X	X		X	100	X			X	X	X	X			
Point Vicente Park 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. 541-4566	1			F	1	X	F	X	50	X	X			2	X	F			T +
Portuguese Bend Field 32201 Forrestal Drive 541-7073	F				F			X	300		X			X +		F	3	1	
Rancho Palos Verdes Park 30359 Hawthorne Blvd. 377-2290	10	X	X	X	3	X		X	42				X	10	X	X		1	
Vanderlip Park 6500 Seacove						X		X		X		X							

F = Future plans for development

X = Presently

Y = Additions to be made



**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
Parks Amenities
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Abalone Cove Shoreline Park 5970 P.V. Drive South 377-1222			X				X		X	200	X		20	X		
Del Cerro Park #2 Park Place			X		X		X	X	X	20	X	X	5-10	X		
Eastview Park Westmont Drive			X		X			X		X	X	X	TBD	X		
Fred Hesse Park - lower 29301 Hawthorne Blvd. 541-8114					X					X	X					4-8
Grandview Park 700 Ironwood Street			X					X	X	X		X	5-10	X		
Martingale Trailhead Park Martingale Drive					X						X	X				
Miraleste Elementary School Site Via Canaca			X	X	X		X	X		X			TBD	X		2
Point Vicente Interpretive Center 31501 P.V. Drive West 377-5370				X	X	X	X		X	100	X		11	X		
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Don C. Wallace Radio Ranch Museum Armaga Springs Road																

This represents **future developments/additions** to be made to the parks listed as per the Parks Master Plan. Those parks not listed above will remain as they are.

TBD = To Be Determined

appendix 1

**NEEDS
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CONCLUSIONS

The results of the survey provides the City with valuable information from which to continue its efforts to meet the recreation needs of the community. In general the results indicated an evenly distributed response level from all regions (east, west, coastal). Of those responding, the demographics suggest that the citizenry is predominantly Caucasian, very well educated, and have resided in the community for more than fifteen years. The demographics also suggest an adult community with very few pre-school aged children.

The respondents show a great interest in the need for public recreation and parks facilities. Improvements and maintenance of beach access and ocean vistas are strongly desired. Walking, jogging, and hiking trails are most actively used and considered most 'highly desirable' when asked what kind of trails the City should provide.

The majority of respondents felt the funding for a trails system should come from Federal and State grants, and a combination of the City, organized groups, Homeowners' Associations and user's permit fees should be used to maintain them.

The survey suggests minimal park development and improvements. A passive environment seems most desirable. Lower Hesse Park received the highest ranking for park site development with landscaping and picnic facilities as the highest ranked improvements.

School sites declared surplus should be acquired by the City for use as recreation sites. Developers in the coastal zone should work with the City Council in order to provide recreation facilities.

The residents of the City appeared to be quite pleased with the existing park and trail system, and their use shows this. Development, however, should be limited with beach access, ocean vistas, walking, jogging, and hiking trails given the highest priorities.

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Beach Access	610	843	151	151
Family Picnic Facilities	341	752	203	189
Tennis Courts	339	649	280	215
Nature Center	331	737	180	227
Tot Lots/Playground Equipment	318	593	293	258
Senior Citizen Center	314	694	218	78
Recreation Centers/Buildings	267	681	224	239
Outdoor Pool	248	506	412	226
Indoor Pool	248	492	436	216
Golf Courses	234	466	445	233
Soccer Fields	213	510	350	284
Softball Diamonds	189	525	342	277
Group Picnic Facilities	178	518	376	256
Gymnasium	177	459	411	274
Horseback Riding Facilities	172	401	475	268
Baseball Diamonds	171	483	376	285
Paddle Tennis Courts	157	427	444	273
Athletic Field Lighting	152	366	482	296
Fishing Access	132	359	497	288
Amphitheatre	114	318	415	311
Overnight Camping/Youth	71	277	564	303
Overnight Camping/Individuals	69	188	666	290
Lawn Bowling	60	282	541	321
Shuffleboard	47	279	535	330
Archery Range	38	224	590	330

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Lawn Bowling	60	282	541	321
Shuffleboard	47	279	535	330
Archery Range	38	224	590	330

— 40. Portuguese Bend Athletic Fields

6	%	A. Bleachers	30
10.6	%	B. Restroom	190
4.5	%	C. K - League soccer field	51
10.8	%	D. Family picnic facilities	123
3.3	%	E. Group picnic shelter	38
62.2	%	No response	712

— 41. How many times during the past year have you visited this site?

46.2	%	A. 0 times	529
12.0	%	B. 1-5 times	137
2.4	%	C. 6-10 times	27
2.6	%	D. 11 and over	30
25.8	%	E. Unaware of facility	295
11.0	%	No response	126

— 42. Point Vicente Interpretive Center

18.0	%	A. Educational building	206
8.7	%	B. Art in the park (whale sculpture)	99
14.2	%	C. Group picnic facilities	163
13.3	%	D. Amphitheatre	152
10.5	%	E. Community center	120
35.3	%	No response	404

— 43. How many times during the past year have you visited this site?

23.2	%	A. 0 times	265
48.0	%	B. 1-5 times	549
11.5	%	C. 6-10 times	131
6.0	%	D. 11 and over	69
3.7	%	E. Unaware of facility	42
7.7	%	No response	88

— 44. Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

14.8	%	A. Restroom	284
2	%	B. Soccer/baseball field	48
7	%	C. Group picnic facilities	77
9.0	%	D. Amphitheatre	103
10.1	%	E. Community center	115
45.2	%	No response	517

— 45. How many times during the past year have you visited this site?

33.5	%	A. 0 times	383
37.7	%	B. 1-5 times	431
5.9	%	C. 6-10 times	67
3.6	%	D. 11 and over	41
8.5	%	E. Unaware of facility	97
10.9	%	No response	125

— 46. Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

8.0	%	A. Tot lot/playground equipment	
9.5	%	B. Landscaping	
11.7	%	C. Picnic/vista areas	
7.2	%	D. Overnight youth camping facility	
19.0	%	E. Nature trails	
44.7	%	No response	

— 47. Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

14.6	%	A. Racquetball/handball	
13.5	%	B. Additional tennis courts	
10.1	%	C. Pay lighting for tennis courts	
6.0	%	D. Paddle tennis courts	
55.9	%	No response	

— 48. Rancho Palos Verdes Park

16.3	%	A. Add barbecues	187
7.2	%	B. Enlarge building	82
44.2	%	C. Leave as is	506
32.3	%	No response	369

— 49. How many times during the past year have you visited this site?

32.2	%	A. 0 times	368
35.1	%	B. 1-5 times	402
7.3	%	C. 6-10 times	84
7.0	%	D. 11 and over	80
9.1	%	E. Unaware of facility	103
9.4	%	No response	107

A. Returned Questionnaire Distribution.

East (Blue)	=	243	3.95%
West (Green)	=	526	6.5%
Coastal (Yellow)	=	375	6.1%

TOTAL RETURNED = 1144

B. Response to Questions.

Questions 1-26

Respondents were asked to indicate what type of facilities are important in meeting present and future recreation needs.

They were to mark:

- A = Very important
- B = Somewhat important
- C = Unimportant
- D = No opinion

Responses were as follows:

<u>Question</u>	<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% Of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
1. Tot lots/playground equipment	A	27.8	318
2. Family picnic facilities	B	35.9	411
3. Group picnic facilities	C	32.3	370
4. Recreation centers/buildings	B	36.2	414
5. Nature Center	B	35.5	406
6. Beach access	A	53.3	610
7. Ocean vistas	A	55.8	638
8. Overnight camping/individuals	C	58.2	666
9. Overnight camping/youth groups	C	49.3	564
10. Amphitheatre	C	36.3	415
11. Senior Citizen Center	B	33.2	380
12. Gymnasium	C	35.9	411
13. Indoor Swimming Pool	C	38.1	436
14. Outdoor Swimming Pool	C	36.0	412
15. Golf Courses	C	38.9	445
16. Fishing Access	C	43.4	497
17. Baseball Diamond	C	32.9	376
18. Softball Diamond	C	29.9	342
Soccer Field	C	30.6	350
Archery Ranges	C	51.6	590
1. Lawn Bowling	C	47.3	541

22. Shuffleboard	C	46.8	535
23. Tennis Courts	A	29.6	339
24. Paddle Tennis Courts	C	38.8	444
25. Horseback Riding Facilities	C	41.5	475
26. Athletic Field night-lighting	C	42.1	481

27. How important are public recreation and park facilities to you at the present time?

A = Very important
B = Somewhat important
C = Unimportant
D = No opinion

<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
A	42.2	483

Questions 28-52

If you had to choose one improvement, what would it be?
Please list the appropriate letter.

	<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
28. Abalone Cove	A (leave as is)	32.6	37
29. Times visited	A (0 times)	46.1	527
30. Del Cerro Park	A (picnic/viewpts)	26.2	300
31. Times visited	A (0 times)	39.2	448
32. Del Cerro Park (cont.)	A jogging/pedest	30.2	345
33. Grandview Park	D (Nature trail)	16.0	183
34. Times visited	E (Unaware of fac)	34.5	395
35. Fredd Hesse Jr.	A (landscaping/ picnic facilities)	30.6	350
36. Times visited	B (1-5 times)	37.1	424
37. Fred Hesse Jr. (cont.)	C (Tennis pay lighting)	25.2	288
38. Ladera Linda (C.C.)	E (Leave as is)	26.0	298
39. Times visited	A (0 times)	42.9	491
40. Portuguese Bend Athletic Field	B (Restroom)	16.6	190
41. Times visited	A (0 times)	46.2	529
42. Point Vicente Inter.	A (Educational building)	18.0	206
43. Times visited	B (1-5 times)	48.0	
44. Point Vicente Park (C.C.)	A (Restroom)	24.8	284
45. Times visited	B (1-5 times)	37.7	431
46. Point Vicente Park (C.C.) cont	E (Nature trails)	19.0	217
47. Point Vicente Park (C.C.)	A (Racquetball/ handball)	14.6	167
48. Rancho Palos Verdes Park	C (Leave as is)	44.2	506
49. Times visited	B (1-5 times)	35.1	40

50. Westmount Avenue	C Have no opinion	45.2	517
51. Vanderlip Park	B (Leave as is)	26.2	300
52. Times visited	A (0 times)	38.3	438

Questions 53-57

Indicate your preference for sequence of park site development (a, as first, e, as last).

	<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
53. Grandview	E	16.9	193
54. Lower Hesse	A	33.5	383
55. Point Vicente Park (C.C.)	B	19.2	220
56. Point Vicente Park (I.C.)	B	18.1	207
57. Del Cerro Park	D	24.0	275

Questions 58-61

Mark answer sheet in the space provided according to these responses:

- A = Highly desirable
- B = Somewhat desirable
- C = Opposed
- D = Strongly opposed
- E = No opinion

	<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
58. Walking/jogging/hiking	A	76.9	880
59. Bicycling	A	36.0	412
60. Mountain Bicycling	B & C	19.6	224
61. Equestrian	B	26.2	300

Questions 62-69

Mark answer sheets (a) yes (b) no. Do you use the existing trails in Rancho Palos Verdes?

	<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
62. Walking/jogging/hiking	A	71.1	813
63. Equestrian	B	78.3	896
Bicycling	B	55.3	633
Mountain Bicycling	B	78.9	903

Do you use trails in other peninsula cities for:

66. Walking/jogging/hiking	A	60.9	697
67. Equestrian	B	77.4	886
68. Bicycling	B	57.1	653
69. Mountain Bicycling	B	78.1	893

Question 70

If the city were able to acquire the necessary easements to implement a dedicated trails system, how do you think the development of trails should be financed?

<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
A (Federal & State Grants)	26.0	297

Question 71

If a system of dedicated trails was established, who should be responsible for maintaining the trails?

<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
D (A combination of all city, organized user groups, Homeowners Assoc.)	48.2	551

Question 72-74

Answer (a) yes (b) no (c) no opinion.

72. Would you be willing to pay a trail users permit fee to finance trails maintenance?

<u>Letter Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
A (Yes)	43.2	494

73. In the event developed school sites are surplussed by the school district. (Such as Miralestic Elementary) do you feel they should be aquired by the city for use as recreation sites?

<u>Letter</u> <u>Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest</u> <u>Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
A (Yes)	62.1	710

74. Do you feel that the city council should work with developers in the coastal zone to provide recreation facilities?

<u>Letter</u> <u>Response</u>	<u>% of Greatest</u> <u>Response</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
A (Yes)	73.8	844

Questions 75-82 reflect demographics.

75. How close to a park site do you live?

A. (Less than 1 year)	41.7	477
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76. How long have you resided in Rancho Palos Verdes?

E. (More than 15 years)	47.8	547
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77. How many people reside in your household?

B. (Two)	40.1	459
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78. How many adults eighteen or older reside in your household?

B. (Two)	62.8	719
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79. How many seniors 60 years of age or older reside in your household?

A. (None)	61.6	705
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80. How many pre-school children reside in your household?

A. (None)	82.9	948
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81. What is your highest level of education?

E. (Advanced degree)	52.6	602
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82. What is the ethnic background of your family members?

A. (Caucasian)	84.2	963
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C. Comments

The respondent was given two opportunities in which to comment:

Question 70 asked:

If the city were able to acquire the necessary easements to impliment a dedicated trail system, how do you think the development of trails should be financed?

5 options are given to the respondent (items A-D are discussed on page 10.) Item E. indicated, Other: Please specify. 45 comments included.

33 "All of the above"
10 "User fees"
1 "Volunteers"
1 "Money from recycling"

Question 83 asked:

If you have any questions or suggestions that are not addressed in this survey, please add your comments here.

201 comments included

51 - "Do not develop - Leave as is"
24 - "Where are the parks?" (maps)
22 - "Did a good job!" (Recreation and Parks Department)
21 - "Where is the money coming from?"
18 - "More for the eastside!"
12 - "More access to coastal region."
8 - "Received survey too late"
8 - "Indoor and outdoor pools."
7 - "Golf courses."
7 - "More security."
6 - "Develop Grand View."
4 - "Less fees."
4 - "Use recycling funds for parks."
4 - "More tennis courts."
4 - "More trails."
3 - "More recreation facilities from educational facilities."
2 - "Dance Hall."

appendix 2

**RECREATION
RESOURCES**

RANCHO PALOS VERDES PARKLANDS INVENTORY

PRESENT PARK SITES	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Type
<i>Developed:</i>			
Abalone Cove Shoreline Park	80.00	10.00	R/A
Clovercliff Park	.17	.17	V/P
Del Cerro Park	4.50	4.50	N/P
Hesse Park	29.40	10.40	C/A
Ladera Linda Community Center	11.40	11.40	C/A
Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center	28.00	10.00	R/A
Portuguese Bend Athletic Fields	22.00	11.00	C/A
Rancho Palos Verdes Park	11.00	11.00	C/A
Vanderlip Park	.48	.48	N/P
Total Acreage	186.95	68.95	

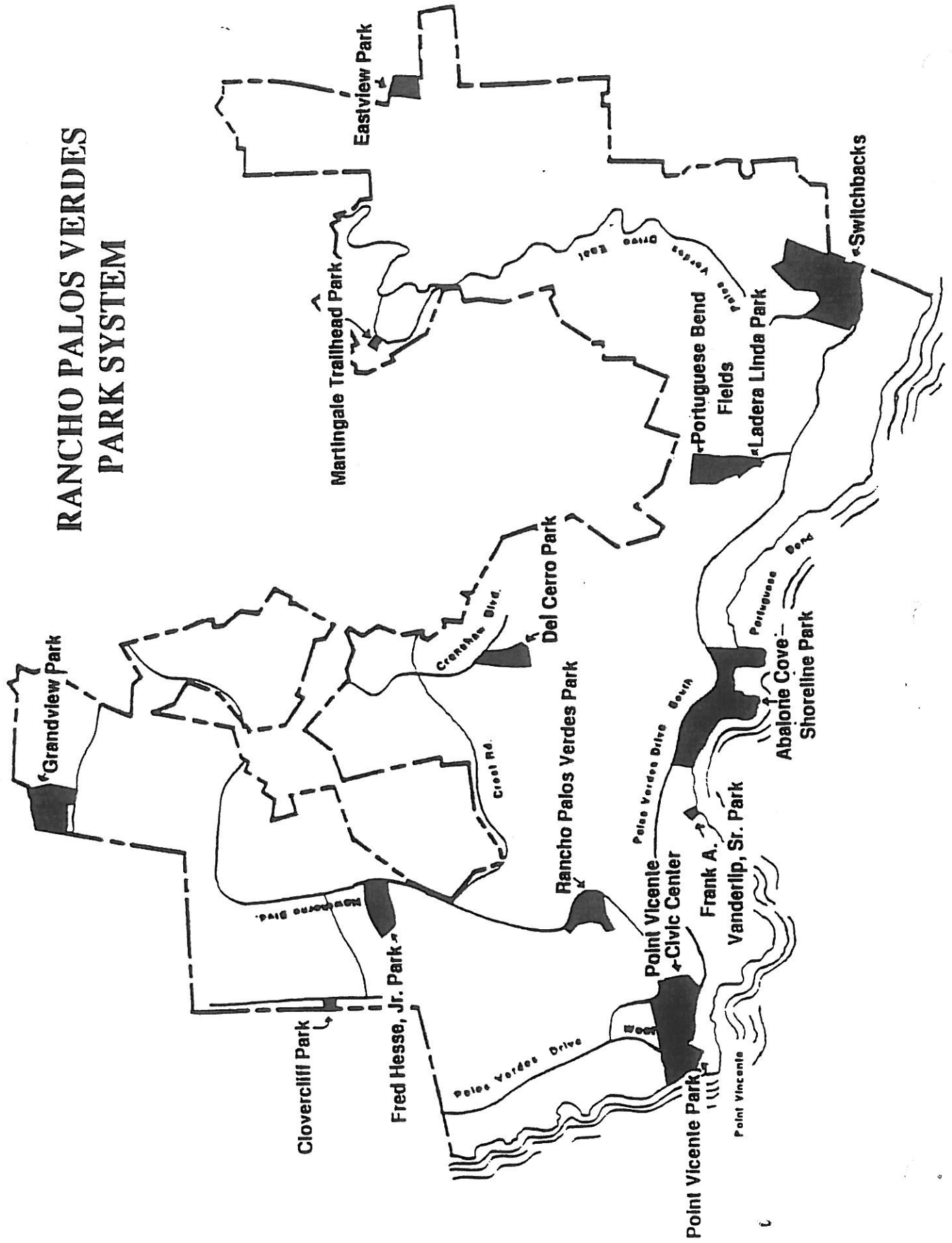
Future Park Sites: (City owned or leased)

Grandview Park	17.00		N/P
Landslide Area	54.00		O
Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center	65.00 + 6	6.00	R/A
Eastview Park	9.90		N/P
Switchbacks (P.V. Drive East)	94.15		O
Total Acreage	240.05 + 6	6.00	
Total City Owned Acreage	417.45 + 6	74.95	

Park Sites Owned and Operated by Other Agencies in R.P.V.

Friendship Park (L.A. County)	105.00	2.00	R/P
Los Verdes Golf Course (L.A. County)	165.00	165.00	R/A
Pt. Vicente Fishing Access	10.50	10.50	R/P
Shoreline Park Site	72.00		O
Total Acreage	352.50	177.50	
Grand Total in RPV	769.95	252.45	

RANCHO PALOS VERDES PARK SYSTEM





CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES Park Amenities Resources Inventory

	Barbecue(s)/Grills	Basketball	Childrens Play Area	Community Building	Drinking Fountains	Handicapped Access	Multi-purpose Field	Ocean View	Off street parking	Pathways	Parcourse	Passive Park	Pallo Area(s)	Picnic Tables	Public Phone	Public Restrooms	Soccer Field(s)	Softball/Baseball	Tennis/Pickle Tennis
Abalone Cove Shoreline Preserve 5970 P.V. Drive South 377-1222			X			F		X	150 +	F			X	F		F			
Clovercliff Park 28801 Golden Meadow Drive										X		X							
Del Cerro Park #2 Park Place			F				X	X	20			X		F		F			
Fred Hesse Park 22301 Hawthorne Blvd. -8114	10		X	X	X	X	X	X	101 +	X	X		X	17	X	X +	1	1	F
Ladera Linda Community Center 32201 Forrestral Drive 541-7073		X	X	X	X	X	X		40		X			3	X	X	1	1	PT
Point Vicente Interpretive Center 31501 P.V. Drive West 377-5370				X	X	X		X	100	X			X	X	X	X			
Point Vicente Park 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. 541-4566	1			F	1	X	F	X	50	X	X			2	X	F			T +
Portuguese Bend Field 32201 Forrestral Drive 541-7073	F				F			X	300		X			X +		F	3	1	
Rancho Palos Verdes Park 30359 Hawthorne Blvd. 377-2290	10	X	X	X	3	X		X	42				X	10	X	X		1	
Vanderlip Park 6500 Seacove						X		X		X		X							

F = Future plans for development

X = Presently

X = Additions to be made



**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
Parks Amenities
Resources Inventory**

	Amphitheater	Barbecues	Childrens Play Area	Community Building	Drinking Fountains	Golf Course	Handicapped access	Multi-purpose Field	Ocean View	Off Street Parking	Pathways	Passive Park	Picnic Tables/Pavillion	Public Restrooms	Soccer Field	Tennis/Padd
Abalone Cove Shoreline Park 5970 P.V. Drive South 377-1222			X				X		X	200	X		20	X		
Del Cerro Park #2 Park Place			X		X		X	X	X	20	X	X	5-10	X		
Eastview Park Westmont Drive			X		X			X		X	X	X	TBD	X		
Fred Hesse Park - lower 29301 Hawthorne Blvd. 541-8114					X					X	X					4-8
Grandview Park 700 Ironwood Street			X					X	X	X		X	5-10	X		
Martingale Trailhead Park Martingale Drive					X						X	X				
Miraleste Elementary School Site Via Canaca			X	X	X		X	X		X			TBD	X		2
Point Vicente Interpretive Center 31501 P.V. Drive West 377-5370				X	X	X	X		X	100	X		11	X		
Point Vicente Park/Civic Center 30940 Hawthorne Blvd 541-4566	X			X	X		X	X	X	50	X		2	X	X	T-1 PT-2
Portuguese Bend Field 32201 Forrestral Drive 541-7073					X			X	X	300			X	X	3	
Don C. Wallace Radio Ranch Museum Armaga Springs Road	TBD															

This represents **future developments/additions** to be made to the parks listed as per the Parks Master Plan. Those parks not listed above will remain as they are.

TBD = To Be Determined

appendix 3

**RECREATION
STANDARDS**



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

**TO: HONORABLE CHAIRMAN BONACICH AND MEMBERS OF
THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE**

FROM: MARY A. THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS *WMS*

DATE: MARCH 20, 1992

SUBJECT: PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECTS UPDATE

At appropriate meetings of the Committee, staff will provide the attached report regarding the status of Parks Master Plan Projects. As the status of projects change, the information will be provided in an underlined format for your information. Should no change occur between meetings, the update will not be included, but a reference on the agenda will note 'no change'.

Since this material is new to many of you, staff will review the Parks Master Plan and the Conceptual Trails Plan documents with you at a future meeting.

**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
STATUS OF REVISED PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECTS
March 25, 1992**

Note: Changes in the status of Parks Master Plan Projects have been shown underlined.

WALLACE RADIO RANCH MUSEUM: The City Council considered the recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Committee at its July 16, 1991 meeting. Council approved the following:

- 1) Amend the Parks Master Plan to add the Wallace Radio Ranch Museum as a "C" Priority;
- 2) Sent to the Planning Commission for full public hearing on the entire use of the Museum as well as ancillary uses; that the Planning Commission consider testimony on potential alternative sites for antennas; and that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be brought back to the City Council;
- 3) Staff to prepare a tentative schedule of Planning Commission hearing date for this item and place on weekly report to Council; and
- 4) Staff to look at costs as outlined in the report and prepare revisions (based upon plans submitted by the Foundation).

The City Manager has directed staff to file the Conditional Use Permit Application on behalf of the Don C. Wallace Radio Ranch Foundation and to work with the Foundation to obtain the appropriate information. Wallace Foundation Director Ken Dyda has submitted the needed information and staff is working on the materials for submission to the Environmental Services Department.

MIRALESTE ELEMENTARY SITE ACQUISITION: No change.

PURCHASE OF PORTUGUESE BEND FIELDS: Staff has contacted the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and has determined that the property has been surplussed and is for sale. Estimated cost is \$500,000 per acre. Staff recommended to the City Council that this purchase be included as a "designated project" on the 1992 County Park Act. Upon Council approval, this submission was made and denied by the County Park Act Staff as an inappropriate project. No additional active work has been undertaken to date.

EASTVIEW PARK: The playground apparatus remains to be installed and retrofitting work continues on the jogging path. The playground equipment is stalled at this time due to budget limitations. Staff will submit this as a 1992-93 Budget project.

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK No change

SHORELINE COUNTY PARK SITE: The County Board of Supervisors responded that they were not interested in transferring this Los Angeles County Park Site to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Staff will continue to monitor developments with this site to determine if the City might, at some time in the future, wish to reapproach the Board of Supervisors.

ANNIE'S STAND AS AN HISTORICAL SITE: Staff has submitted the application to the Los Angeles County Historical Commission for action and recommendation to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The Commission met and denied the application. The City Council has opted to take no further action, rather it is felt appropriate that the community should be the resource to generate the recognition of Annie's contribution to the community. I believe such a community effort to be underway.

PT. VICENTE REGIONAL PARK (GOLF COURSE): Council has requested a report be prepared and brought forward on the status of the golf course. The report will be forwarded to the Committee when it has been received from the Environmental Services Department.

NARBONNE AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY (Southern Lot): The County of Los Angeles has placed a 'feeler ad' in the Los Angeles Times to determine the saleability of this lot. If no response is received, the sale will be tabled until the market improves. If interest is shown County staff will proceed to bring forward the necessary report to the County Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

LADERA LINDA PADDLE TENNIS COURTS: Staff has contacted the Ladera Linda Homeowner's Association to determine whether they would be interested in participating in the funding of the paddle tennis court lighting project if it is approved by the City Council. No response has been received to date. No response has been received to date.

